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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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TC 1700 MAIL ROOM

Group Art Unit: 1746

Serial No.: 09/337,278

Examiner: J. Smetana

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For: **CLEANING AND HANDLING METHODS OF ELECTRONIC COMPONENT AND  
CLEANING APPARATUS THEREOF**

AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

August 9, 2001

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 10, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

**Please cancel claims 2, 4 and 6 without prejudice or disclaimer.**

**Please amend claims 1, 3 and 10 as follows:**

a) 1. (Amended) A cleaning method of an electronic component wherein an object to be cleaned is cleaned by bringing a sponge member into contact with the object to be cleaned while supplying, to said object to be cleaned, water containing carbon dioxide gas having a resistivity value of less than 5 M  $\Omega$ .